



Statutory Changes Affecting Bulk Milk Weigher and Sampler Licenses

Reciprocity for Bulk Milk Weighing and Sampling Licenses

[Act 152](#) amended state law related to Bulk Milk Weigher and Sampler (BMWS) licenses. Under the change, anyone holding a BMWS license issued by an equivalent regulatory agency from another state is allowed to operate in Wisconsin as a BMWS. The change takes effect immediately and will require changes to [Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 82](#).

Wis. Stat. § 98.146 (1) now states:

- All persons except licensed cheesemakers and buttermakers taking weights and samples of milk in bulk tanks or measuring milk in bulk tanks to determine weight, on the farm premises where such milk is produced, shall be licensed by the department under this section or by an equivalent regulatory agency in another state, and no person who is not so licensed shall engage in such activities.

The process for renewing a BMWS license remains the same (*however, during the COVID-19 pandemic an [interim licensing process](#) has been adopted*). If a BMWS has licenses from both Wisconsin and another state, there is no need to renew their Wisconsin license if they choose to retain their out-of-state license. The licensee can write “cancel” or “no longer needed” on the Wisconsin renewal application.

The Division of Food and Recreational Safety (DFRS) will use GovDelivery to send critical information to the dairy

industry during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you know others within your organization who would benefit from these updates, please forward these sign-up links:

- [Dairy Plant Field Representatives](#)
- [Dairy Plants](#)
- [Dairy Plants with Batch Pasteurization](#)
- [Dairy Farm Equipment Installers](#)
- [Bulk Milk Weighers and Samplers](#)

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Additional resources are available at https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/MilkProducers.aspx